



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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SIMPLIFIED ASSEMBLY IN A
WINDOW

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Examiner: Hilary L. GUTMAN

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

This is a response to the Office Action of September 20, 2002, which has been carefully considered.

In this Office Action, the Examiner has not acted on the merits of the claims, but rather initially has required that Applicants elect either Invention I drawn to a windup window shade as defined by claims 1-31, or Invention II drawn to a motor vehicle door as defined by claims 32-65, for further prosecution in this Application. In response to this restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect Invention I as defined by claims 1-31 for further prosecution in this Application.

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In addition to the above, the Office Action requires that Applicants elect one of the species illustrated in Figures 5-8 respectively of the arrangement for mounting the windup window shade, and one of the species illustrated in Figures 9-14 respectively, of the arrangement for connecting the guide rail with the body of the vehicle, for further prosecution of this Application. In response to this species election, Applicants hereby elect species A as shown in Figure 5 for the mounting of the windup window shade, and species E as shown in Figure 9 for the manner of connecting the guide rail with the body of the vehicle. The claim readable on the elected invention and elected species thereof are claims 1-15 and 20-31, respectively. Accordingly, the action on the merits of at least claims 1-15 and 20-31 is respectfully requested.

A request for the necessary extension in the period for filing this response, as well as check in payment of the applicable extension fee are attached.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that the prosecution of the Application would be advanced by a personal interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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